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Dear Mr. Puleasi:

I am writing to inform you that American Samoa's State Plan Amendment (SPA) No. 12-005 has been approved. This SPA was submitted to my office on June 15, 2012, and provides an updated and comprehensive description of American Samoa's presumptive eligibility methodology. This SPA describes how census data will be utilized to determine not only the presumptive eligible population for Medicaid, but also for American Samoa's CHIP and EAP programs.

Additionally, this SPA incorporates the required removal of non-qualified non-citizens, qualified non-citizens who have resided in American Samoa for less than five years, and of dual-eligible beneficiaries of both Medicaid and Medicare from certain calculations performed during the presumptive eligibility process. Lastly, this SPA describes how the Medicaid, CHIP and EAP presumed eligible populations will be used to determine corresponding claiming percentages for Medicaid, CHIP and EAP eligible expenditures incurred at LBJ Tropical Medical Center.

The authority to utilize this presumptive eligibility methodology is found in Section 1902(j) of the Social Security Act, and described in American Samoa's approved 1902(j) waiver. The approval of this SPA is effective April 1, 2012 as requested.

Attached are copies of the new State Plan pages to be incorporated within your approved State plan:

- Section 2, page 7-9g

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Schenck at (415) 744-3589, or tom.schenck@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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